

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request that the same be reconsidered and withdrawn in light of the following remarks.

On page 2 of the Office Action, it is alleged that Inventions I and II are related as to process of making and product made and that the inventions are distinct because "the conductive chip in the invention of group II could be formed by selective deposition as opposed to the punching method claimed in the invention of group I." This is not an accurate statement because the conductive chip in claims 5 and 6 specifically include the claim limitation: "...wherein the conductive metal chip is formed by punching at least one conductive metal sheet...". (claim 5, lines 9-10) Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and, thus, includes that same limitation. Clearly, in claims 5 and 6 the conductive metal chip is formed by punching and not by selective deposition as opined by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 should properly be examined with the claims of group I.

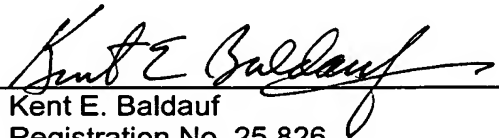
Applicants further assert with respect to claim 3 that there is no undue burden to search the subject matter thereof since the components in the printed wiring board of claim 3 are similar to the components recited in the method steps of group I.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to prosecute non-elected claims 3, 5, and 6 by way of a divisional application filed at a later time. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this Election.

Respectfully submitted,

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